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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1791

Application No.: 10/557,580

Examiner: J. MINSKEY

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For: SPECTACLE LENS MANUFACTURING METHOD AND SPECTACLE LENS
MANUFACTURING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 28, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 are pending in this Application.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0181133 to Siders et al. ("Siders"); and rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0160690 to Miyazawa et al. ("Miyazawa") in view of Siders. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

A. §102(b) Rejection

Siders fails to disclose each and every feature recited in claim 1. For example, Siders fails to disclose "an area of the edge shape on a surface of the plastic material is determined prior to the step of forming the lens member," as recited in claim 1. The Office Action asserts